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MAYOR APPOINTS WELL QUALIFIED CHARTER COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE FRESH REVIEW OF DOCUMENT

*JOHN DAVIES APPOINTED AS CHAIR;
RETIRED JUDGE JAMES MILLIKEN AS VICE CHAIR*

Mayor Jerry Sanders today announced the appointment of a diverse and exceptionally well qualified group of 15 committed San Diegans who have agreed to serve as members of the City's Charter Committee. They are:

Name	Background
Chair: John Davies	John G. Davies is Of Counsel with the law firm of Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP where he focuses on real estate and probate practice. Mr. Davies is a longtime civic leader and has served as the Judicial Appointments Secretary to California Governors Pete Wilson and Arnold Schwarzenegger.
Vice Chair: Judge James Milliken (Ret)	Judge Milliken is a partner with the firm of DiFiglia & Milliken and served as a Superior Court Judge from 1988 to 2003. In his 16 years on the bench, he served as the presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division, Supervising Judge of the Superior Court and as Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior Court.
Barbara Cleves Anderson (District 7 nominee)	Barbara Cleves Anderson is a longtime resident of the City of San Diego and an active leader in the community of San Carlos and in the stewardship of Lake Murray and Mission Trails Regional Park.
Alan Bersin	Alan Bersin serves as Chairman of the Board of the San Diego Regional Airport Authority and has served as the State of California's Secretary of

	Education, Superintendent of San Diego City Schools, and as the United States Attorney for the Southern District of California.
Professor Susan Channick	Susan Adler Channick is a Professor of Law at California Western School of Law where she instructs on a number of subjects including: Public health law; contracts; remedies; wills, trusts and estates.
John Gordon (District 6 nominee)	John Gordon is the Principal with Pacific Management Consulting Group, and has twenty years of experience with financial management roles.
Donna Jones (District 1 nominee)	Donna Jones is a Partner with the law firm of Sheppard Mullin where she specializes in land use. She currently Chairs the Infrastructure Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and from 2004-2006 she chaired its Legal Committee. As Chair of the Legal Committee she headed the Chamber's Working Group on the Strong Mayor Transition in 2005.
Adrian Kwiatkowski (District 8 nominee)	Adrian Kwiatkowski is the Director of Public Affairs for the Monger Company and served as the Secretary and researcher for the San Diego Charter Change Committee from 1998 to 2000.
Mike McDade (District 2 nominee)	J. Michael McDade is a partner in the law firm of Wertz McDade Wallace Moot & Brower. Long involved in government and civic affairs, Mr. McDade has had the experience of serving as Chief of Staff to both a Mayor of San Diego as well as the Chair of the County Board of Supervisors.
Vince Mudd	Vincent Mudd is the President & CEO of San Diego Office Interiors. He serves on the board of the regional Economic Development Corporation and as vice-chair of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross.
Mark Nelson	Mark Nelson is the Director of National Government Affairs for Sempra Energy and has long experience in governmental and legislative affairs previously serving as a legislative aide at the County of San Diego and as the Executive Director for the San Diego Taxpayers Association.
Duane Roth	Duane J. Roth is the Chief Executive Officer of CONNECT, a non-profit organization that fosters entrepreneurship in promising technology and life sciences businesses in the San Diego region. He is

	the founder of Alliance Pharmaceutical Corp. where he serves as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board.
Marc Sorensen (District 5 nominee)	Marc Sorensen is a Senior Engineer and Program Manager for the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center. He is a resident of Scripps Ranch where he is active in community affairs including the Scripps Ranch Planning Group, serving as its Chair for three years.
Professor Glenn Sparrow (District 3 nominee)	Glenn W. Sparrow is Professor Emeritus at the School of Public Administration and Urban Studies at San Diego State University and a leading civic voice in the matters of state and local government management, metropolitan regional governance and intergovernmental relations.
Lei-Chala Wilson (District 4 nominee)	Lei-Chala Wilson is an Attorney with the San Diego County Public Defender's Office and is President of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association and past president of the California Association of Black Lawyers.

The group is expected to work through the fall of this year to make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on specific ballot measures that will clarify existing trouble spots with the Charter. The Mayor has asked that Chairman Davies and Vice Chairman Milliken organize the Committee and their work around 4 central issues:

- **Financial Reform Committee:** What Charter modifications are necessary to implement the Kroll recommendations and other financial reforms. Examples: Audit Committee composition; Auditor General concept; SDCERS Board composition.
- **Duties of Elected Officials:** What is a clear definition of the roles and responsibilities of elected officials and the separation of powers under strong mayor. Example: budget authority.
- **Interim Strong Mayor Committee:** What measures may improve the functionality of strong mayor during this trial period. Example: veto override; mayor's role in redevelopment and land use.
- **Permanent Strong Mayor Committee:** What legislative tightening would be required for effective permanent implementation of Article XV?

The Committee will be asked to complete their work and make recommendations in the fall of this year, leaving plenty of time for public consideration and input prior to the City Council placing the measures on the June 2008 ballot.